

HAS AMERICA FORSAKEN
REAL PEACE?

By GENERAL THOMAS A. LANE

Peace is not merely the absence of war: it is a condition of the human spirit. Those who would demean the human spirit to avoid war are confusing peace with cowardice. Let it be clear in this holy season that they have no communion with the Prince of Peace.

The followers of Jesus offered their lives to bear witness to His truth. Did they find peace in following Him, even unto violent death? Indeed they did. They found that peace of spirit which He had promised to them.

Peace is the nobility of spirit reached through steadfast devotion to truth. It is superior to all material blandishments. Because it marks the highest reach of the human spirit, it has in all ages and among all peoples been respected and admired by men. It is the gift of God.

In his day, Dr. Samuel Johnson wrote that "Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel." Of course! In 18th Century England, patriotism was esteemed as an attribute of honorable men. It was inevitable that knaves of the day would seek to hide their skulduggery under a mask of patriotism.

In like manner today, scoundrels conceal their cowardice and corruption behind a mask of peace. They pose sanctimoniously as advocates of peace while they meanly sacrifice every principle of honorable behavior and weaken the fiber of our civilization. Their appeal is to fear.

Fear is an instinct, an emotion. It is protective in alerting us to danger, but it can be destructive if it is not controlled by reason. Men of mean spirit marshal the destructive power of fear to impose on our people the expedient compromise with evil.

Through their design peace becomes an exploitation of the instinct to flee from danger. Like jack-rabbits running into the headlights of an oncoming car, nations dominated by fear assure their own destruction. They are led by men who cry peace.

The Prince of Peace showed us that peace can be won only through uncompromising dedication to truth. Only by scaling the heights of spirituality can mankind put an end to human strife.

Today, however, many of His followers aver that strife is to be avoided by compromise with evil. Accommodation is their watchword. They condone the enslavement of captive peoples, ignore the slaughter of innocent millions who have been victims of communism, extenuate the Communist terror waged against unoffending peasants and seek dialogue with barbaric tyrants. These are the works not of charity, but of cowardice. What blasphemy it is to claim they are works of peace!

"Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." In Vietnam today, our youth are called to make this sacrifice for their friends in freedom, the valiant people of South Vietnam. They offer their arms, their skills, their strength in service to a just cause. They are our men of peace. They are in communion with the Prince of Peace.

Tragically, these honorable men are betrayed by national leadership which, through pretensions of peace, encourages the enemy to expand and prolong the war. Leaders of both parties mock principle, preach expediency and advocate accommodation as the avenue to peace. Instead of repelling forthrightly the Communist aggression from North Vietnam and summarily winning the war, they cripple South Vietnam with restrictions on its rights of self-defense, restrictions cynically advanced in the name of peace.

Pretensions of peace which are the magic of politics are the mask of cowardice and the poison of nations. Until men come again to regard peace as an elevation of the human spirit achieved through man's conquest of fear, they will know no peace. Jesus showed us the way, but we have not followed Him.

Get the U.S. Out of the U.N.
And the U.N. Out of the U.S.

OUR RESTRICTED MILITARY
OPERATIONS IN VIETNAM

By ALTON THATCHER

Some civilians have returned to the United States from their visits in North Vietnam and with "bleeding hearts" for the Communist side, have said the American Air Force has bombed civilian Viet Cong in and around Hanoi.

As a result of these complaints, L.B.J. has apologized by stating that the military targets in North Vietnam have been very carefully selected for our air force's bombing. Apparently, the Johnson Administration in its war "effort" has been most careful not to hurt the enemy very much in and on his home-base.

During World War II, Washington, D.C., standing behind its military drive into Germany, was not particular about where it pounded its punches by air and land against anti-Communist German civilians and military. Hundreds of civilians in the German cities were massacred and buried under the rubble of brick and concrete buildings, buildings smashed by bombs dropped on them by the American Air Force. Entire cities across Germany, including the Capital Berlin, were crushed by American bombs.

During that war Washington stopped at nothing short of total military victory. The politicians were not then afraid of "escalating" that war against anti-Communist Germany and her allies to aid the Soviet Union and to save European Communism. They threw in everything that this nation had against the Germans, Italians, and Japanese.

But now our boys are fighting the Communists. In Vietnam they are told to be careful about when they shoot or at whom.

Recent releases from South Vietnam by American news reporters reveal that the U.S. Navy patrols in Vietnam waters have been told not to shoot at the Communists and their boats, etc., unless they are fired upon first.

The American military authorities in South Vietnam have stated if they were permitted to bomb key military targets in North Vietnam — air-bases, fighter planes, factories, including anything of military use by the enemy — and if the U.S. military were permitted invasion by air, land, and sea of the enemy's homeland, the war would be over in a month.

If the people in Washington, who have stated this war could drag on for twenty years and who are responsible for our troops remaining indefinitely in Vietnam, do not have the nerve, brains, and "know-how" to take the necessary steps to end that undeclared, unconstitutional conflict, our own military does. If given the green light, our generals and full weight of the U.S. armed forces can bring the enemy to the conference table — in defeat and in peace — if Washington will throw off the shackles of a United Nations' supervised and contained war and unbridle America's military might and its fire-power and strike the Viet Cong's home-base by air, land, and sea.

If the United States is to restore its sovereignty, it will have to repudiate the United Nations Charter and revoke that alien and unlawful treaty which retains us in the "Captive Colony" status of the U.N. and which gives that Communistic world body power over our people, our actions, and our armed forces.

Directly or indirectly the State Department, as well as the Defense Department, are under United Nations' control and influence. And while some of our politicians advocate greater diplomatic ties with Moscow, the Soviet Union sends arms and ammunition to the Communists of North Vietnam, which weapons are used to shoot down American boys in the jungles of the South.

In the past the Secretary of State, Dean Rusk, has said: "The United States has no present intention to bomb key military installations and Soviet-installed missile sites around Hanoi. We want to see Hanoi, Peking, and Moscow come to the conference table, and we do not think bombing would contribute to that end."

And while our boys are fighting and dying in the jungles of South Vietnam, such state-

ments by the Secretary of State and others in Washington are favorable to the Communist cause.

So long as our military is ordered and directed to fight a contained and restricted war and to withhold its fire-power from the enemy, who is free to choose any action against our troops, America is fighting a losing war. Either our military should be allowed to fight that war without restrictions and limitations and to force an end to such a conflict and to save American lives and American honor, or our troops should be withdrawn from that Communist slaughter pen and returned home. Like the Korean ordeal, the war in Vietnam in which we are involved is another United Nations' fiasco. It is a "No-Win" adventure and is taking its toll of American blood, toil, tears, and money.

PRESCRIPTION FOR PEACE

U.S. will survive only if we: stop the Jew from deploying our young men in wars. Keep free enterprise open and free from international cartel systems. Place morality in church life. Revamp educational systems to induce spiritual and personal character along with arts and science. Send Christian lawmakers to Congress and State levels. And without hesitation disfranchise the United Nations from domination over the American peoples. America will remain great only under Christian doctrine and with the song "ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIER" permeating the mind and soul of her people.

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The Johnson bombing of North Vietnam is simply a phony. It deceives the American people with the illusion that the President has acted forcefully to eliminate this enemy sanctuary, when in fact he has carefully restricted the bombing so as to avoid really hurting the Hanoi regime.

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